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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (previously presented): A method of adjusting a quantity of ink supplied to a printing material by a printing machine with inking zones, which comprises:

adjusting a quantity of ink as a function of a printing speed, and including, upon the occurrence of a change in the printing speed, making a change in the quantity of ink as a function of an area coverage to be printed averaged over several of the inking zones.

- 2 (canceled).
- 3 (previously presented): The method according to claim 7, which includes: storing characteristics for the ink stripe length for various area coverages as a function of the printing speed and, upon the occurrence of a change in the printing speed, varying the ink stripe length in accordance with a respective characteristic.
- 4-6 (canceled).

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- 7 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which includes: changing an ink stripe length for adjusting a requisite quantity of ink.
- 8 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which includes making a change in the quantity of ink as a function of the printing speed and a property of the ink.
- **9-10** (canceled).
- 11 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which includes making a change in the quantity of ink as a function of the printing speed and a paper property.
- 12-13 (canceled).
- 14 (previously presented): A device for printing a printing material with inking zones, comprising:

an ink duct having an ink duct roller, a pivotable ductor roller and a transfer roller, said ductor roller to be brought into contact both with said ink duct roller and said transfer roller, said transfer roller serving for transferring a quantity of ink transferrable from said ductor roller to the printing material via further rollers; and

a control device for adjusting a contact length of said ductor roller on said ink duct roller as a function of printing speed, said control device being connected to a memory having stored therein values for an ink stripe length as a function of the printing speed and an area coverage to be printed averaged over several of the inking zones, said control device serving for adjusting the ink stripe length as a function of the printing speed and the area coverage to be printed averaged over several of the inking zones.

- 15 (currently amended): The device according to claim 9 claim

 14 , wherein said control device serves for adjusting the ink

 stripe length as a function of the printing speed and the area

 coverage to be printed averaged over all inking zones.
- 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which includes making a change in the quantity of ink as a function of an area coverage to be printed averaged over all inking zones.
- 17 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which includes changing the quantity of ink by changing an inking zone level representing the thickness of the ink with which the ink is applied to a ductor roller.

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18 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, which includes making a change in the quantity of ink as a function of the printing speed and a temperature.